

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **Leon Anhaiser**

Leon Anhaiser was born in Sugar Land. He went through the local schools and was awarded the Kempner scholarship to LSU from Imperial Sugar. After receiving his BS degree in Sugar Engineering, Leon served two years in the U S Army before returning to Sugar Land. He worked for Imperial for 33 years and served as plant manager, Vice President of Refinery Operations and Vice President of Operations Development. He was elected and served as President of WCID #1 during this period. It was in this capacity that he served the people of Sugar Land in flood prevention. In this fascinating interview he talks about water issues that have historically affected the Sugar Land area and bring us up to date on current water issues.

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## Interview Summary

### People (in order mentioned in interview)

Kenneth Hall - Hall Lake

Colonel Cunningham

Kempner Family

Lawrence Alaminsky

Gerald Hines – First Colony

### Events

Historic Flood dates: 1899, 1900, 1913, 1920s

Keeping water levels constant in the creek

Building levees

Dredging waterways in Sugar Land

### Places / Businesses

Fort Bend County Water Improvement District (WCID-1) began around 1932

Imperial Sugar

The Hill

The Flats

Brazos River

Oyster Creek

Fort Settlement

Ditch H

Cleveland Lake

American Canal Company

Imperial Blvd

Nalco

River Bend Country Club

Dam 1, Dam 2, Dam 3

Char Canal

University Blvd

AMIL Gates

First Colony Levee Improvement District

Belknap Brookside